

SOCIETY

There has been little to chronicle of social happenings for the month of October. The epidemic of Spanish influenza has proved such a serious and widespread thing that few, if any, affairs have been given in Richmond. The several weddings of note for the week were hastily changed from the church ceremonies planned to small, quiet affairs, celebrated at home in the presence of only the immediate families. In many cases the attendants were unable on account of illness to be present, and the entertainments planned in honor of the brides and their maids had to be abandoned.

The second war winter here is of much interest, and speculations are rife as to what society will do so far as entertaining is concerned. The prospect for the season is that there will be a series of balls and war benefit entertainments for various causes and relief work, with only a few informal affairs to break the monotony. The debutante list, so far as Richmond is concerned, seems to be a sealed book. Festivities for the year will generally be confined to informal parties for the younger set and the officers from nearby camps. The Richmond German Club patriotically abandoned its dances last season, and this year it is announced that the Bachelors' Cotillion in Baltimore will follow suit. The Richmond German Club, the St. Cecilia in Charleston, S. C., the Philadelphia Assembly and the Bachelors' Cotillion are the oldest social organizations in this country, and their balls have been famous for more years than one remembers, and the abandonment of these balls will set the pace for the rest of the social world until peace is once more declared. One prophet has it that music will come in for its flanking in an unusually early date this season, since concerts and operas may be given with propriety where dances and receptions would be offensive.

Whatever the social season will be in Richmond, the Red Cross and war work will go forward steadily, and the calendar for winter is yet to be announced.

An out of town wedding of wide interest in Richmond and throughout the South is that of Miss Margaret Rhett, of Columbus, Miss., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rhett, to Douglas Smith, of Charleston, S. C. Miss Rhett is a niece of the Misses Munford and Mrs. Charles H. Talbot, of this city, and belongs to one of the oldest and most distinguished families in the South. The ceremony will take place very quietly October 23 in Memphis, Tenn., and Mr. Smith and his bride will be at home after November 1 in Charleston, where the former is stationed at the navy yard.

IN AN OUT OF TOWN.

Mrs. Harry Frazier, of Lewisburg, W. Va., has arrived in Richmond and is spending some time at the Jefferson Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Taveau Simons, of Birmingham, Ala., are guests of Mrs. Simons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conway R. Sands, at their apartment at the Halifax, for an extended stay.

Mrs. George Bull and her daughter, Miss Agnes Bull, are established at 307 West Franklin Street, for the fall season.

Mrs. Lucian Bingham, of Lanexa, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Saville, in their home on Park Avenue. Mrs. Bingham was before her marriage, Mary Saville.

Miss L. Genevieve Bogues has returned to her home after having been in New York City two weeks ago.

STAUNTON

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, Va., October 19.—Mrs. Catherine Skinner Miller, wife of Dr. Miller, after spending several weeks with her husband who is engaged in war work in Washington has returned to Staunton where she will spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Wilmer Schmidt.

Henry Catlett is the guest of Staunton friends. After having visited Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Peyton in "Stephens," he is now a guest in the home of Mrs. R. H. Catlett in Berkeley Place.

Mrs. J. D. Diamond has returned to her home in New Orleans after visiting her sister, Mrs. James H. Powell.

Miss Mary Lewis Guymer, of Orange, visited Mrs. R. H. Catlett this week.

Major James H. Dooley, of Richmond, as is his custom, is spending the fall months here. He made a business trip to New York this week.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Hamlin have returned to Staunton after visiting their former home in North Carolina.

Convalescent after an attack of influenza Miss Bettie Somerville is home from the State Normal School at Harrisonburg.

Having been granted a year's leave of absence by his congregation Rev. W. E. Abrams, pastor of the Staunton Baptist Church is in New York to engage in war work.

Miss Jennie Crane is at home at Chilton Hall after a visit to friends in Missouri and Oklahoma.

Lieutenant Joe Pettigrew, having spent a period of recuperation at Clinton Hall, has returned to Love Field, Dallas, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Sherman are in their apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryan on Church Street. Mr. Sherman was pastor of the Central Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hodge have gone to Norfolk to visit their son, C. P. Hodge, who is in the base hospital there.

Miss Erie Dunlap is visiting Mrs. C. W. Wales in Charleston, W. Va.

Mrs. Edward Wilson is home after a visit to Mrs. Joseph Hunter in Roanoke.

Rev. Gipsy Smith, Jr., the evangelist, is a guest in the home of Mrs. A. C. Braxton. He conducted a revival here in the spring which was a remarkable success, and what he people seemingly is evident by the fact that he has made several visits since the meeting closed. Mr. Smith appears to be enjoying perfect health.

Mrs. A. C. Braxton and the Misses Atkinson, "The Hut," and "The Hut," spent the day with Mrs. H. B. Sprout, wife of the Food Administrator, who has her family there for the fall season.

Mrs. J. Hartwell Smith and Miss Jean Smith, of Waynesboro, were Staunton visitors this week.

Staunton friends learned with deep sorrow of the serious illness of pneumonia in her home at the residence of Miss Nina P. Davidson, superintendent of the King's Daughters' Hospital, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cushing and Medames J. W. Stout, E. S. Sublett and Chasney Williams have returned from a delightful motor trip to Highland County.

Mr. and Mrs. McChesney Goodall and family are visiting her father, Mr. James Ellison, at Crozet. Mrs. Aylett Ellison, of California, is expected to join the party.

Mrs. G. H. Sprinkle has returned home from Richmond where she visited her husband who had a mild attack of influenza. Dr. Sprinkle is practicing in the capital.

BON AIR

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, Va., October 19.—Rev. W. L. Lucker, former pastor of the Methodist Church here, has returned from Japan, and is the guest of Mrs. R. E. Bridgeforth.

Miss Mary Ferguson is home for a few days from Farmville, where she is a student at the Normal School.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Holderly left the past week to spend the winter at Buffalo Springs.

Vivian Bailey, who has been ill with influenza, is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Stiles Ellerson have returned to Richmond for the winter.

Thalhimer Brothers

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The New Frocks Are Fashionable and Charming

A perfectly gowned woman is a delight to the eye, and the new Frocks will certainly enhance any woman's beauty and personality.

We are showing a discriminating selection of Street and Afternoon Dresses, in Tricotine, Serge and Jersey, that reveals many style-themes of charm and distinction. Some have embroidery in the self or contrasting tones; some have braiding, fringes and trimmings of the material; some severely plain and smart—all the acme of style and newness. The colors are the season's favorites. The prices will \$20 TO \$87.50 suit you, too, for they range from.....

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In the long tunic style, with a conventional wool embroidery banding on the tie, belt and cuff, vest opening, and bottom of tunic.

Velveteen Frocks

The woman who feels she should deny herself the luxury of wool clothing on account of our soldiers' need of wool, may be patriotic and very, very fashionable in a smart Velveteen Dress. An especially good value at \$27.50, \$30.00

Wool Jersey Dresses

A Late Delivery of Those Popular Dresses

In all new shades, in panel and tunic effects, trimmed with embroidery, fringe or braiding, is especially noteworthy; \$27.50, \$30.00 values, specially priced At \$25.00

Tailored Serge Dresses

These come in misses' and adult sizes; \$22.50 values, At \$20.00

Wool Velour Street Dresses

Man-tailored Wool Velour Dresses, in the new fall shades, with sash effect and back fastenings. Special, \$30.00

A Late Shipment of Serge Dresses, \$30.00 Value, \$25.00

The Charming Beauty of a Thousand Pretty Blouses

Here are the newest models of the moment, showing infinite variations of the new round, shawl and square collars. They combine that charm of fabric and color that delights the eye of every woman who appreciates the beautiful.

SINCE THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY OF THE SEPARATE BLOUSE AND SKIRT into my lady's favor, the Georgette Waist has become more and more a necessity. They are used for all except the very formal evening occasions, and combine good sense and economy with beauty.

They are encrusted with beads or braid, or have a dainty finish in the shape of tiny pleated ruffles. They come in all colors and many attractive combinations of colors quite bizarre and attractive prices.

\$5 to \$25

Silk Petticoats

The new Fall models emphasize the slender silhouette. They are here in Taffetas and silk Jersey, in all street shades; excellently made and correctly proportioned. No wardrobe is complete without one or more of these fine Petticoats, exceptionally low priced.

Silk Jersey and Taffeta Petticoats

You will want the correct foundation for your new dress. The slender line so desirable this season can be retained over a soft clinging silk Jersey underskirt. These come in all colors.

Priced at \$5.00 and \$5.98

Silk Jersey Petticoats

with a deep tucked flounce; values exceptional.

At \$3.98

Taffeta Petticoats

These are in several styles, including the tailored models and fancy flounced styles, in suit shades. \$2.98-\$3.98

Fashionable Top Coats

For the Smart Dresser

An admirable collection of the newest styles makes provision for every occasion. Attractively smart models, beautifully developed in all the fashionable materials and colors. Even the least expensive of our Coats have a complete finished appearance that attracts.

The Handsome Illustrated Model A At \$45.00

Fashioned of fine velour and presented in Pekin blue, taupe, Burgundy and brown.

Fashionable Cinnamon Brown Bolivia Cloth Coats at \$85.00

These handsome Coats are full lined with fancy silk, made with convertible fur collar; a Coat proper for the special occasion or suitable for every-day wear.

Handsome Satins in Shades for Street, Day and Evening Wear

Satin Duchess

We have an unusually full line of this lustrous material, the chief appeal of which lies in its adjustability to current styles. The colors include beige, plum, wistaria, navy, taupe, Russian, Pekin, African brown and many other shades, \$2.25.

40-Inch Satin Radiant

Japan blue, Havana brown, canard, hunter green, Burgundy and other shades, \$2.00.

Satin Panne

A 44-inch lustrous beauty, in green, plum, silver gray and other shades, \$4.50.

Messaline Silk

We cut our Messalines on the bias; white, black and all intermediate shades, \$1.60.

Velvet Is Coming to the Fore

Costume Velvets, suitable for dress and suit, are here in many colors. Their widths vary from 21 to 36 inches and the range of price includes \$1.75 and \$3.50.

We have a 40-inch Chiffon Velvet in myrtle green and navy, an unusual value at \$5.00 yard.

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Showing of Solid Color Drapery Fabric

50-Inch and 54-Inch Solid Color Drapery Velour Colors Old Rose, Green, Blue, Brown and Mulberry, \$2.50 and \$3.50 Yard

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Extensive assortment of colors; 36 inches and 54 inches wide, 75c to \$5.00 Yard

Trimming and pretty edgings to match.

Lovely Cretonne One-Fourth Under Regular Price

75c Quality, 55c Yard

Distinctive looking Cretonne, new patterns, colors blended as well as those of much better quality, full 36 inches wide; today's market value 75c; on sale to-morrow, 55c yard. Other qualities 20c. and 35c yard.

New Sill Length Lace-Edged Curtains

At Popular Prices \$3.45, \$3.95, \$4.45 and \$7.95 pair.

New Idea in Marquisette Scrim and Plain Fillet Curtains, trimmed with real good looking lace edge 2 1/2 yards long; Cream and some White; the Curtains for the modern window.

Handsome Marquisette Panels, \$6.95, \$7.95 and \$10.95

Point Olympic Lace Panels,

\$5.00 and \$7.50

Lever Lace Panels,

\$3.95

Braided Net Panels, Several in Arab Color,

\$3.45, \$3.95, \$4.95 and \$6.95

Fillet Weave Lace Panels,

\$1.45 and \$1.95

Extra Long Lace Curtains,

\$2.95, \$3.45, \$3.95 and \$5.95

Durable Fillet Lace Curtains, 3 1/4 yards long, attractive patterns.

\$6.00 to \$8.00 Lace Curtains, \$4.95

Eighty-five pairs Hand-some Irish Point, Braided Bobbinet, Lace Edge Bobbinet Curtains, some of these have lace insertion, and Plain Fillet Net Curtains 2 1/2 yards long. Today's market value, \$6.00 to \$8.00. On sale to-morrow, \$4.95 pair.